

CITIES FOR SAFE AND STABLE COMMUNITIES

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2026

A Municipal Agenda for Strengthening Public Safety, Civil Liberties, and Economic Stability

SAFE COMMUNITIES

Bills supported:
HF 2900/SF 2757

We must address critical funding losses in public safety and public works to ensure our city can continue providing essential emergency and infrastructure services.

Increased municipal aid is required to recoup these costs and maintain the high standard of community well-being our residents deserve.

ECONOMIC STABILITY & ESSENTIAL RELIEF

Bills supported:
HF 3403/SF 3596, HF 3586/SF 3770,
HF 3624/SF 3904, HF 4342/SF 4527

Emergency rental assistance is vital to preventing homelessness and keeping families stable in their homes.

We must create targeted relief funds for our local small businesses to protect the local job market and ensure economic resilience for our workers.

MUTUALLY ACCOUNTABLE PUBLIC STANDARDS

Bills supported:
HF 3435/SF 3611, HF 3415/SF 3616
HF 3405/ SF 3660, HF 3412/SF 3590
HF 3924/SF 4176

Public safety relies on community trust, which is why we support reinstating "sensitive locations" policies at schools and hospitals to ensure predictable federal enforcement.

We urge the adoption of clear constitutional standards for all agents operating in Minnesota, including requiring the BCA to oversee federal use-of-force investigations.

IMPACTS AT A GLANCE



An estimated 150,000 immigrant and foreign-born community members directly affected



\$400,000 in direct costs to coalition cities (police overtime, staff responses, communications)



Thousands of students switched to remote learning, resulting in fewer school meals served a day.



Increased emergency grant support provided of \$1.4 million, with \$180,000 in addition requested and pending



Hundreds of local businesses affected by the surge, reporting 50-100% business losses.

Data from Dec 2025-Feb 2026

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WHY THE COALITION EXISTS

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Cities for Safe and Stable Communities is a nonpartisan coalition of 25 Minnesota cities representing more than 850,000 residents, united by a single priority: the safety and stability of our hometowns. The coalition formed in response to Operation Metro Surge, a 10-week federal action that strained local resources and destabilized local economies. Cities are responsible for stabilizing our communities and protecting the wellbeing of our residents.

The coalition is focused on recovery, accountability, and prevention. By working together across party lines and municipal boundaries, our coalition carries greater weight than any city acting alone and sends a clear message that true community safety is built on trust, local control, and the rule of law.

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